

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

October 2, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lectionary:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Officiant: Pastor Karen Wamester
Organist: Shirley Hailey
Reader: Amy Rothermel
Altar Guild: Mary Wright
Counters: Shirley Aydelotte, Linda Azar

September 27th Service

[Click here](#) to watch the Facebook Live video of



Prayer List:

Gary & Beverly Cooper, Robbie Whittington Joyce, Sylvia Tyler, Cathy, Shelton Watson, David Rouch, Danny Haberman, Lou Anne Garton, Joan Leatherwood, Christopher, Rachel Lee, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Pat Stephens, Shirley Connor, Yvonne Field, Nancy Turnbull, Michele Werner, Joe Walcott, Tammy Johnson, Jan West, Scott Burke, Jose Cabrera, Deborah Gooch, Jan Richardson, Joan Kamorowski, Melissa Martin, Ryan Fischer, Hannah Wolf, Julia Rayfield, Jerry & Sandy Cushing, Debbie Simpkins, Ember Poppiti, Max Long, Cary, Cathy & Mark Baxley, Katlyn, Mary Scott, Etta, Chris Lynch, Tom Stearns, David Warren, Aunua, Letty Trimper Hurst, Ann Smith, Ann Plowman, Margaret Hudson, Matt Leszcz & family, Kenneth Rudia, Catherin Hatfield, Rev. Penny Morrow, James Miller, John Anderson, Judy Hoffman, Andy Hales, Ken Toms, Brannon Thacker, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Suzanne Zantzinger

We need your help to keep the list current. Please contact the church office with corrections, additions, and/or deletions. Thank you!

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

We give thanks for the witness of



the 9/27 service.

[Click here](#) to read
Pastor Karen's sermon.

God's people at St. Alban's, Salisbury,
and for their Wardens and Lay
Leadership.

Local Faith Community Prayer Cycle:

Trinity Charismatic Cathedral, Berlin

Altar Flowers

The Diocese of Easton is allowing SPBTS to once again place flowers on the Altar. We are allowed a maximum of three arrangements: two on the Altar and a third on a separate pedestal. Mary Wright has rehung the flower chart in the hall by the elevator, so please sign up. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the cost of arrangement has increased to \$55 for two arrangements and \$35 for a small pedestal arrangement.

You can sign up for this meaningful and safe church offering on the flower chart located on the second floor, or contact the church office by phone at 410-289-3453 or email **office@stpaulsbythesea.org**

Covid Protocol Reminders

Everyone must enter through the orange doors on the north side of the FCCC building. Do not use the office door or the DeWees Hall doors.

Masks must be worn at all times.

Upon entering the building you will be asked for your signed covenant (**Covenant for Regathering**); you will sign the log book; and your temperature will be taken.

Only 3 people or a family will be allowed on the elevator at a time. You can also use the inside stairs.

Proceed directly into the Nave, picking up a bulletin and communion set on the way to your seat. The pews have been marked with blue painters tape to

Parish Meeting

On Sunday, October 18 at 11 am there will be parish meeting for the purposes of reconciliation and planning for the future. Everyone is invited to attend. The meeting will be led by Sandy Cormack, a mediator recommended by the Diocese. Sandy has requested a count of attendees so please contact the church office (410-289-3453 or **email**) by October 14 and let us know you'll be there. It is so important to have the entire congregation participate if we are going to get St. Paul's by-the-Sea back on her feet.

Please Join Us!

Columbarium

On November 1, 2020 the cost of the columbarium niches will increase \$300. There are only 7 niches available. If you have been thinking about purchasing a niche, you may want to do so in October while they are still \$1,200.

What Would Jesus Do?

A Reflection by Bishop San

I have received several affirming comments mentioning that as Christ followers they have been challenged by people to defend the practice of wearing masks and asked, "where is it in the bible that it advocates the use of a mask?" They have found this reflection helpful in defending the Christian perspective on the necessity for wearing a mask in a pandemic.

keep everyone six feet apart.

After the service, you must exit the building using either the elevator or the steps just beyond the elevator that take you outside. You may not use the inside stairs to exit.

At no time, is mingling permitted inside the building.

Our Sunday services are being streamed via FB Live for those who are not yet comfortable returning to church.

[Click here to read the full reflection.](#)



Update from Laura McCarthy

Hello, St. Paul's by-the-Sea! I was asked to give you an update on my progress toward ordination. We officially had our last class on Saturday, August 29th so the month of September was smooth sailing by comparison to the previous six months or so of the year. I have concluded my brief stay in Dorchester County and will return to St. Peter's on Sunday, October 4th.

A little over a week ago, I received the unexpected news that I will be assigned to St. Peter's Church in Salisbury after ordination! I was very surprised because we had been told we would not return to our home parishes. But, given one thing or the other, and the various assignments of the other diaconal candidates, it turned out I was needed at St. Peter's. I am meeting with Fr. David Michaud next Sunday after services to talk about where I will fit in in my new role as Deacon. We have also been making plans for my ordination which has been set for Saturday, October 24th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's. The service will be livestreamed on the parish's website, through their Facebook page, and various other media. Space is very limited so the only way for SPBTS parishioners to participate is through the live stream option. Information will be shared as plans become more finalized.

I would also like to thank the Vestry of St. Paul's by-the-Sea for their gift of \$250. With that gift, and a gift from one your parishioners, I was able to purchase a deacon stole called Coronation Red which is the beautiful tapestry that is so prevalent in the Episcopal Church. I was also able to get a set of little linens to go in the communion kit given to me by Fr. Matthew D'Amario. The stole can be used for high feast days like Christmas. Everytime I wear it, I will remember my time with you all and how much I enjoyed being there.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Fall!

Love,
Laura

Date of Ordination – October 24, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m. – St. Peter's Parish, Salisbury

Watch this Ordination: via **St. Peter's Facebook Page** OR **St. Peter's Website**
Deployment: Deacon – St. Peter's Parish, Salisbury
Clergy Mentor: The Reverend David Michaud

Pledge Reminder

It comes as no surprise, that due to the Covid 19 related suspension of services, SPBTS has experienced a sizeable reduction in income. We sincerely thank all those who have continued to send in their contributions during the closure. Those who have not, we kindly ask you to consider bringing your pledges up to date. Thank you!

[Click here to view the Parish Calendar](#)

